

**Draft Minutes
Public Transportation and Bicycle Committee
May 12, 2009**

Attendance: Jane Ashby, Peter Lillya, Fran VanTreese, Helene Ver Eecke, Karen Kowles, Glenn Barrington, Walter Wolnik, Dave Ziomek

Jane opened the meeting at 8:45 in the First Floor Meeting Room of Town Hall.

Glenn reported that ridership was up system-wide. Jane noted that the route 32 ridership is, on average, in the middle of all the other routes.

Peter moved the minutes be approved as amended. Helene seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Fran move to approve the Committee Charge as amended. Helene seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jane will send it to the Select Board with a memo asking them to consider it at a future meeting.

Peter reported that the Design Review Board hasn't considered anything within the PTBC's purview.

Fran reported the Parking Task Force has not met.

There was a discussion about doing a handout for Town Meeting regarding route 32 ridership. Helene and Karen will work on a draft. Helene will get the handout to Fran to copy and give to Walter prior to Town Meeting.

There was a discussion about the election of new officers to the PTBC. The following slate was proposed: Fran VanTreese, Chair; Helene Ver Eecke, Vice Chair; Peter Lillya, Secretary.

Peter moved the slate of officers. Helene seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be June 16th at 8:45 a.m. The committee will schedule meetings for the third Tuesday in July and August.

There was a discussion about appointing a representative to serve on the Save Our Stop task force. Helene said she knew someone who might be interested in representing us. She will invite him to our next meeting.

Dave Ziomek, Director of Conservation and Development talked about the trail system in Amherst. He said Amherst maintains over 80 miles of trails in the Town. He said the Town wants to look at developing trails to Atkins Corner and along the cinder path between UMass and the apartments in North Amherst. Easements and wetlands are the biggest problems to developing new trails.

Dave will check with Town Counsel about whether CPA funds can be used for improvements to trails and report back to the next meeting.

There was a brief discussion about the need to re-look at committee assignments.

Fran moved to adjourn at 11:50. Karen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Fran VanTreese, Secretary

